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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES  
DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)  
CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371

DATE: August 4, 2006

U.S. APPL. NO. IF KNOWN, SEE  
37 C.F.R. 2.50 New Application  
10/588506

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.  
PCT/IB2005/000487

INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE  
February 23, 2005

PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED  
February 27, 2004

TITLE OF INVENTION: A METHOD AND RELATED CAPSULE FILLING MACHINE FOR PRODUCING SEALED CAPSULES

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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☒ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
4. ☒ The U.S. has been elected (Article 31).
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)]
  - a. ☐ is attached hereto (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☒ has been communicated by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☒ A copy of the International Application [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)].
  - a. ☒ is attached hereto.
  - b. ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
7. ☐ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)]
  - a. ☐ are attached hereto (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☐ have been communicated by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
  - d. ☐ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)].
9. ☒ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)].
10. ☐ An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)].

Items 11 to 20 below concern other document(s) or information included:

11. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98; and PTO-SB08a Form; References (8).
12. ☒ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. ☒ A preliminary amendment.
14. ☐ An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.
15. ☐ A substitute specification.
16. ☐ A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.
17. ☐ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825.
18. ☐ A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
19. ☐ A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
20. ☒ Other items or information: Drawings - Figs. 1-6 (5 sheets); International Search Report; First Notice (PCT/IB/308); PCT Request (PCT/RO/101); Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority (PCT/ISA/237); Notification Concerning Submission or Transmittal Of Priority Document (PCT/IB/304); Notification of Receipt of Record Copy (PCT/IB/301); WO 2005/084609 A1

<b>U.S. APPLICATION NO. (PENDING)</b> <b>10/588506</b> SEE 37 C.F.R. 1.50) New Application		<b>INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.</b> PCT/IB2005/000487		<b>ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.</b> 023349-00320	
The following fees are submitted:				<b>CALCULATIONS</b>	<b>PTO USE ONLY</b>
21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic National Fee ..... \$300.00				\$ 300.00	
22. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examination Fee If International Preliminary Examination Report prepared by USPTO and all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) ..... \$100.00 All other situations ..... \$200.00				\$ 200.00	
23. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Search Fee Search Fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the International Application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority ..... \$100.00 International Search Report prepared and provided to the Office ..... \$400.00 All other situations ..... \$500.00				\$ 400.00	
<b>TOTAL OF CALCULATIONS FOR 21, 22 and 23 =</b>				\$ 900.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.					
Total Sheets	Extra Sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole number)	Rate		
- 100 =	/50 =		x \$250.00	\$	
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date [37 C.F.R. 1.492(e)].				\$	
Claims	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate		
Total Claims	25 - 20 =	5	x \$ 50.00	\$ 250.00	
Independent Claims	2 - 3 =	0	x \$200.00	\$ 0	
Multiple dependent claim(s) (if applicable)			+ \$360.00	\$ 0	
<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>				\$ 1150.00	
Reduction by one-half for filing by small entity, if applicable. Small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§1.9 and 1.27 is hereby claimed.				\$	
<b>SUBTOTAL =</b>				\$ 1150.00	
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later the <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date [37 C.F.R. 1.492(f)].				\$	
<b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b>				\$ 1150.00	
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment [37 C.F.R. 1.21(h)]. The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 C.F.R. 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property				\$ 40.00	
<b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =</b>				\$ 1190.00	
				Amount to be refunded	\$
				Charged	\$
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check # _____ in the amount of \$ 1190.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed. b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. 01-2300 in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fee. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-2300.					
NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 C.F.R. 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 C.F.R. 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.					
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